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IMAGE ANALYSIS

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, designated as Paper No. 6 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-34, 55-98, 119-124, 129, 131, 132, drawn to determining threshold intensity, classified in class 382, subclass 172;
- Group II. Claims 35-43 - 99-107, drawn to mapping a grid on the image, classified in class 382, subclass 195; and
- Group III. Claims 44-47 - 108-111, drawn to filtering intensity, classified in class 382 subclass 272.
- Group IV. Claims 48-54, 112-118, drawn to determining aligned image, classified in class 382, subclass 294.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I Claims.


Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Joanne N. Pappas at 978-635-2289.

Respectfully submitted,

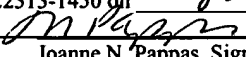
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